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Activity 1.

"An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge"

Ambrose Bierce

Meaning:

Example:

ardently

Synonym:

Sentence:

3.

Meaning:

Example:

pivotal

Synonym:

Sentence:

4.

Meaning:

Example:

Malign

Synonym:

Sentence:

Activity 2: Exploring Deeper Meanings

Choose the statement that provides an accurate example of the meaning of each vocabulary word.

1. Ardently
 - A. Tapping his foot in time to a song he knows, Robert hums along and occasionally sings some of the lyrics aloud.
 - B. At the wedding, Arturo sang the bride and groom's favorite song with passion and enthusiasm.

Unit 3: Collection 7, Vocabulary Development *continued*

2. pivotal

- A) In the beginning moments of the basketball game, Clare's team scored three times before the other team scored at all.
- B) In the last twenty seconds of the basketball game, Clare's team scored to take the lead, then regained possession of the ball.

3. poignant

- A) In the movie, the small children are forced to leave their pet dog behind while their family flees from a flood.
- B) In the book's climax, the protagonist recognizes that the masked villain is really his uncle.

Activity 3: Changing Contexts

Each vocabulary word from "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge" is used in the following sentences. Fill in each word where it best fits the context.

Example The reunion of the brother and sister who were separated for many years was a poignant moment for everyone who was there.

ardently malign perilous pivotal poignant

- 4. The danger posed by icebergs in the North Atlantic Ocean once made the journey _____ for even the largest ships.
- 5. The killer stared at everyone in the courtroom with such an evil, _____ glare that the witness was speechless for a moment.
- 6. In the play, the young man _____ gripped his girlfriend's hand and dropped to one knee to propose marriage.
- 7. The _____ factor in the terrible factory fire was the decision to lock all of the exit doors but two to cut down on theft.
- 8. Authentic emotion in a film or story is _____, and stirs strong emotion in the audience or readers.